Adjournment Motion re: The Propriety of the Recent Appointments made by the Director of Geology.

THE DEWAN informed the House that Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda and nine other members had given notice of an adjournment motion as follows:—

"That the business of this House be adjourned to consider the propriety of the recent appointments made by the Director of Geology which are not in accordance with recruitment rules in force."

The Dewan added that this matter was neither very urgent nor one of public importance, and he hoped that it would satisfy the House if the First Member of Council made a statement on the subject.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL observed that no appointments were made recently and that the two vacancies which now existed would be advertised.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA said that the members were anxious to know the principles followed in making the appointments and how far the Heads of Departments were giving effect to the rules of recruitment.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that the appointments made some time back were sanctioned by Government. Certain qualifications were required of the candidates, and the Head of the Department, who was also the Professor of Geology in the University knew who were the persons that possessed these qualifications. Three candidates were taken, of whom one was a non-Brahmin and the other two, Brahmins. The first was later on appointed to a post in the Revenue Department, and the remaining two had been working in the department for over a year.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA wanted to know the opinion expressed by the Recruitment Board in the matter.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that no reference was made to the Recruitment Board because the available candidates and their qualifications were all known.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA said that the matter involved a question of policy and that was why the members wanted to move the adjournment motion.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that no question of policy was involved and the appointments were made after ascertaining all the necessary particulars in regard to the candidates competing for holding them.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA asked why the vacancies were not notified.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that they might have beed notified but their advertisement was not considered necessary as all the required particulars were before Government.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH observed that four non-Brahmins had secured a pass in Geology that year, and he asked why the Professor was not asked the reason for not having recommended any of them for appointment.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that at the time when those appointments were made, there were no other candidates possessing the prescribed qualifications

KHAN BAHADUR MAHOMED ABBAS KHAN requested permission being accorded for discussing the adjournment motion so that members might be able to elicit full information as to which were all the appointments made without notifications. It was the policy that was going to be discussed. The object was not to criticize the Head of the Department but to elicit information as to why the vacancies were not notified before being filled up.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that there was no change in policy. The vacancies were not advertised for the reason already mentioned.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH asked whether the Head of the Department had not recommended that advertisement was not necessary.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that to the best of his recollection, there was no such recommendation when the appointments under discussion were made.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH observed that there was at least one non-Brahmin official in the Railway Department who had geological qualifications and he did not know how the Director had reported that the persons selected for these appointments alone had the required qualifications.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA asked how many appointments had been made by the present Director after he took charge of the department and how many of such appointments had gone to non-Brahmins. And as regards the appointments under reference, he asked whether Government had verified the accuracy of the Director's statement that no others had the required qualifications.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that three appointments were made without notifying and that Government had no reason to think that the information furnished to them was not correct.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMY observed that even though

brilliant graduates were available, ordinary graduates had been selected.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that that observation did not apply to the appointments under discussion.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMY remarked that much was made of efficiency where non-Brahmin candidates were not selected, but even that consideration was not always kept in view as was evidenced by certain appointments in the University.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA enquired whether first class B.Sc.'s were not available from the Halekarnataka community.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that he had no information on the point.

THE DEWAN observed that the appointments under discussion had already been made and no useful purpose would be served by continuing the discussion. He assured the House that hereafter every appointment would be notified without exception.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA asked whether these appointments were not opposed to the recognised policy.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that there was no departure from policy.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA then asked whether Government did not show their disapprobation of the recommendation made by the Head of the Department.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that there was absolutely no occasion for any disapprobation as the recommendation was in order.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA remarked that Government were always promising that the policy would not be modified, but when it came to a matter of actually filling up a place, the rules were not followed.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA regretted that Government failed to observe the rules which they themselves framed. The rules of recruitment as originally passed referred to all appointments, and the Recruitment Board had to be consulted in all cases. Recently, the rules were relaxed in respect of appointments made in the Government Press. Again, the Chief Officer of the Tumkur Municipality, who was a very junior officer, was appointed without reference to the Recruitment Board.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH enquired whether the Tumkur Municipality could be allowed to promote men on Rs. 50 or so straightaway to Rs. 200.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that the recruitment rules did not apply to appointments carrying more than Rs. 100.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMY urged that some definite procedure should be laid down and all appointments made in accordance with it. If efficiency was considered as the sole criterion, he said that it must be kept up at all costs. If it was the idea to prefer Mysoreans to outsiders, irrespective of considerations of efficiency, that should be done. If it was the idea to encourage non-Brahmins to enter service more and more, that should be done. For instance, between a non-Brahmin candidate and a Brahmin candidate, Government made much of efficiency. If the consideration was between two Brahmins, they preferred Mysoreans to non-Mysoreans. Without any definite principle, if Government went on urging only one of these various considerations prominently according to the circumstances of each case, no one would be satisfied.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that Mysoreans got the first consideration. Wherever there were Mysoreans with sufficient qualifications, they were appointed.

At this stage, MR. B. L. BYANNA rose to a point of order as to whether the adjournment motion was allowed.

THE DEWAN replied that he had permitted discussion of the subject.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA wanted to know whether the Director of Geology had given effect to the recruitment rules with the same sympathy with which Government had framed them.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL asserted that the Director had not violated the rules and that he had placed all facts before the Government.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA asked whether it was not the object of the Director to go behind the rules of recruitment in making his recommendations.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL stated that there was absolutely no such intention on the part of the Director and that he had placed all relevant facts before Government.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH thought that there were non-Brahmin candidates who possessed the same qualifications as the Brahmins that got the appointments, and that therefore injustice was done to the former. He quoted the name of one Mr. B. Venkataswami, Railway Probationer, as an instance in point.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that he could not say if this candidate was available at the time and that he would make enquiries if particulars were furnished. He added that the vacancies under discussion might have been advertised, and not having notified them was an omission. But even if advertised, the decision would not have been different as full information in regard to all candidates who possessed the required qualifications was before Government when they sanctioned the appointments. He stated that all vacancies requiring advertisement would be notified.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH thanked the Government for this assurance.

REPRESENTATIONS—(*resumed*).

No. 39.—Introduction of an Act to prevent beggary in the State. Dharmaprakasha D. Banumiah, Special Interest, Mysore City.

DHARMAPRAKASHA D. BANUMIAH prayed that an Act to prevent beggary be introduced in the State. He said that beggars occupied the margins of every busy road and went on worrying the passers-by for charity in cash or kind. They often sat around the Town Hall, basking in the sun, and they were both an eye-sore and a nuisance to the general public. They sometimes lay themselves across the road, and insisted on payment and it was impossible to avoid them.

MR. T. S. ALI KHAN brought to notice that the Police took no action to keep them under check.

THE DEWAN thought that the Police could sufficiently control them. He also said that in Bombay, the beggar problem was more serious and yet there was no legislation to prevent it there.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA observed that with all that, in Bombay, when a beggar asked for alms, if one said "*Mafkarna*," he would quietly go away ; but, in Mysore, it was not the case. Beggars would not leave one unless something was given to them.

MR. N. G. SANJEEVIAH observed that in the Cantonment, beggary in the street was not allowed at all.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA said that similar action should be taken in the Mysore State also.

MR. TUDKI RAMANNA represented that the beggar problem was puzzling the public mind in rural parts also.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA considered legislation very necessary, and suggested the establishment of Poor Houses.